

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF RAQUEL
CASTAÑEDA-LÓPEZ

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2021

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the outstanding public service of Detroit City Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López for her work on behalf of the communities she serves in Detroit and Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Council Member Castañeda-López has proudly served the people of Detroit's Sixth Council District since 2014. She has been driven in her work to pursue social justice and a better quality of life for all residents. Her roots in social work are evident in her caring and holistic approach to assisting residents, and it is reflected in the policies she has pursued. During her tenure, Council Member Castañeda-López has prioritized making Detroit a more inclusive and welcoming place for all its residents to call home. "Team Rocky" is what the community lovingly call her staff that work to ensure access to services.

I have known Council Member Castañeda-López for many years, and it has been an honor to see her achieve so much on behalf of the people of Detroit. It has been a joy to see her love for the City of Detroit and its people shine through in her work.

Please join me as we recognize Detroit City Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López's many contributions to the families of Detroit and the 13th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL STEPHEN
R. LYONS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to an outstanding leader and warrior, Army General Stephen R. Lyons, Commander of U.S. Transportation Command. General Lyons is soon retiring, having served this great Nation for 38 years and completing a most distinguished career.

General Lyons graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1983, where he received a degree in Criminology. He began his career in Germany during the Cold War and subsequently held a wide range of operational assignments to include command at company, battalion, brigade, and major command levels. Since 2003, he has spent over 40 months deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He often speaks of his time in command of the 703d Main Support Battalion, 3d Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia as being one of

his most rewarding assignments. While in command, his battalion provided mission critical necessary support during the initial "thunder run" into Iraq in 2003.

A constant voice of reason, motivation, and inspiration, General Lyons has devoted his life to this Nation. He has provided sound counsel to leaders at all levels, and built trust with the American people through his impressive actions. I have personally sought his advice, as have my colleagues. The Members of this Chamber and workers across many parts of the Federal Government will miss his leadership and candor.

General Lyons' illustrious career is culminating with his current position, where he leads the 144,000 men and women of U.S. Transportation Command. He is responsible for coordinating the Department of Defense's global deployment and distribution enterprise. His transformational leadership has bolstered warfighter readiness, increased cyber awareness and security, and prepared the Department of Defense for challenging transportation and logistics missions in the future. General Lyons' leadership abilities were on full display as he successfully oversaw the largest Non-combatant Evacuation Operation airlift in U.S. history. He challenged deliberate planning assumptions from day one and compelled the Joint Force to adapt and evolve for the dynamic and uncertain operating environment of tomorrow.

In addition to General Lyons' service, Maureen, his wife of 32 years, also selflessly served this great Nation. She devoted her life to caring for families under his command and in their community. I cannot overstate the importance of the support the spouses and families provide to their service members in our Armed Forces. Service and sacrifice are not limited to just the service member, but often extend to the entire family. On behalf of the U.S. Congress and a grateful Nation, we thank Maureen and their children, Kara and Dylan, for their continued and dedicated service to our military and our Nation. Although the Army will say goodbye to General Lyons and Maureen, we know that the Lyons family's legacy and devotion to the service of this great Nation will continue for years to come.

I would like to help close out the final chapter of this inspiring Soldier and Joint Force leader's career with a heartfelt thank you from all the men and women of the U.S. Congress and Nation. General Lyons, Godspeed. We thank you, Maureen, and the entire Lyons family, for your service over a remarkable 38-year career. We wish you well in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MUSIC
OF MR. JEFF STICE

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend,

Mr. Jeff Stice, who went to be with the Lord unexpectedly on September 14, 2021, at the age of 61.

Mr. Stice, affectionately known as 'Mr. Piano Man,' was a multi-award-winning gospel music pianist with a prolific music career. He first laid hands on a piano as a young boy, and quickly showed a great talent on the instrument. At the age of fifteen, Jeff played for his first gospel quartet, alongside his father. He went on to study piano at Western Kentucky University, where he refined his natural talent and gained an even greater appreciation for music. Shortly thereafter, he began to venture into gospel music professionally. During his early career, he played with the Blackwood Brothers, the Rex Nelon Singers, and Perfect Heart, and appeared alongside countless other gospel groups, including the legendary Oak Ridge Boys, as well as venturing into solo performing. Jeff later helped form the Triumphant Quartet at Louise Mandrell's music theater in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Mr. Stice spent twelve years playing with Triumphant, during which time he was inducted into the Edmonson County Music Hall of Fame, in his hometown of Brownsville, Kentucky, and co-produced the Grammy-nominated album *Everyday*. In 2016, he was inducted into the GMA Gospel Music Hall of Fame for his earlier work with the Rex Nelon Singers. His career as a solo musician earned him the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall, the U.S. Capitol, and other esteemed venues throughout the country.

In 2014, Jeff rededicated his life to Christ and began to focus more intimately on his relationship with God. He continued to perform as a solo musician, pianist, and producer for countless gospel groups, with the mission of using music to convey his unshakeable faith in the Lord.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife Stacey and their four children. He will be greatly missed, not only by his family and in his community, but by gospel music fans everywhere. On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I offer my heartfelt condolences and prayers to Mr. Jeff Stice's family and commend the legacy he leaves to his family and friends and the entire gospel music world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF TOMMY WEAVER

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 17, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tommy Weaver, a lifelong native of East Texas, who passed away recently at the age of 70.

On April 26, 1951, Tommy was born to Charlie "CC" Chester and Winnie Bell Weaver in Jasper, Texas. His father worked at Keller Industries, and his mother worked in the food

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